## In the Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF	)	
THE APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS H. VANMIDDLESWORTH AS SENIOR JUDGE	) ) )	Case No. 21S00-Ö7lO-MS- ₹\$\$

## ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE

The presiding judge of the Fayette Circuit Court, the Hon. Daniel Lee Pflum has requested the appointment of Senior Judge Douglas H. VanMiddlesworth for service in his court as a senior judge for the remainder of 2007.

This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that Judge Pflum would benefit from the appointment of a senior judge. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-27-4-1, Judge Douglas H. VanMiddlesworth has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission. This Court may re-examine the appointment made herein at a later date in light of weighted caseload statistics and other circumstances, and make adjustments accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judge Douglas H. VanMiddlesworth is appointed to serve in the Fayette Circuit Court at the discretion of the presiding judge effective **September 28, 2007**. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2007**. It shall be incumbent upon the presiding judge to ensure that the court's total senior judge usage does not exceed that allocated to the court for 2007. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-5, the senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order may not be compensated as senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the aggregate during the 2007 calendar year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Hon. Daniel Lee Pflum, Fayette Circuit Court, 401 North Central Avenue, Connersville, IN 47331-1981; the Hon. Douglas H. VanMiddlesworth; to the clerk of the Fayette Circuit Court, for entry

in the Record of Judgments and Orders; to the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2007.

Randall T. Shepard

Chief Justice of Indiana